

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-30 are pending in the application; that claims 1 and 4-9 are allowed; claims 2-3, 10-11, 17, 19, 22-27, and 28-29 are rejected; and claims 12-16, 18, 20-21, and 30 are objected to. By this response, claims 10, 11 and 19 have been cancelled and claims 2, 3, 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 28 and 30 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-9, 12-18 and 20-30 are pending in the application.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1 and 4-9. Claims 12-16, 18, 20-21, and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Furthermore, claims 2-3 and 22-27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 12 has been amended to place claims 12-16 into allowable form. Claim 18 has been amended to place it in allowable, independent form. Claim 20 has been amended to place claims 20 and 21 in allowable form. Claim 30 has been amended to be dependent off of allowable, amended claim 20, with further amendment. Accordingly, such claims are believed to be allowable and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 2-3 and 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of claim 2, as well as dependent claim 3. Claim 22 has been amended by replacing "arcuate cleft" with the term "opening" so as to place independent claim 22, as well as dependent claims 23-27, into allowable form. Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 22-27 are believed to be allowable and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C., §103

Claims 10-11, 17, 19, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Inwin* (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,523) in view of either *Chang* (U.S. Patent No. 6,550,701) or German Patent 3633109. Claims 10, 11 and 19 have been cancelled. Claim 17 has been amended to make it dependent on allowable claim 12. Claim 28 has been amended to make it dependent on allowable claim 20, thereby placing claim 28, as well as dependent claim 29, in allowable form. Claims 17 and 28-29 are now believed to be allowable over the art of record, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.


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CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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